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2 control (noun)

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Main Entry: **1con·trol**

Pronunciation: \kən-ˈtrōl\

Function: verb

Inflected Form(s): **con·trolled**; **con·trol·ling**

Etymology: Middle English *countrolen*, from Anglo-French *contrerouler*, from *contreroule* copy of an account, audit, from Medieval Latin *contrarotulus*, from Latin *contra-* + Medieval Latin *rotulus* roll — more at ROLL

Date: 15th century

transitive verb

1 a *archaic* : to check, test, or verify by evidence or experiments **b** : to incorporate suitable controls in <a controlled experiment>

2 a : to exercise restraining or directing influence over : REGULATE **b** : to have power over : RULE **c** : to reduce the incidence or severity of especially to innocuous levels <control an insect population> <control a disease>

intransitive verb

: to incorporate controls in an experiment or study —used with *for* <*control* for socioeconomic differences>

synonyms see CONDUCT

— **con·trol·la·bil·i·ty** \-trō-lə-ˈbi-lə-tē\ noun

— **con·trol·la·ble** \-trō-lə-bəl\ adjective

— **con·trol·ment** \-trōl-mənt\ noun

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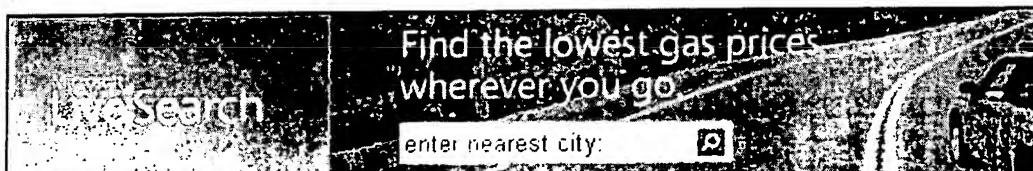
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Pronunciation: \sor-kot\

Function: noun

Usage: often attributive

Etymology: Middle English, from Middle French & Latin; Middle French *circuite*, from Latin *circuitus*, from *circumire*, *circuire* to go around, from *circum-* + *ire* to go — more at ISSUE

Date: 14th century

1 **a** : a usually circular line encompassing an area **b** : the space enclosed within such a line

2 **a** : a course around a periphery **b** : a circuitous or indirect route

3 **a** : a regular tour (as by a traveling judge or preacher) around an assigned district or territory **b** : the route traveled **c** : a group of church congregations ministered to by one pastor

4 **a** : the complete path of an electric current including usually the source of electric energy **b** : an assemblage of electronic elements : HOOKUP **c** : a two-way communication path between points (as in a computer) **d** : a neuronal pathway of the brain along which electrical and chemical signals travel

5 **a** : an association of similar groups : LEAGUE **b** : a number or series of public outlets (as theaters, radio shows, or arenas) offering the same kind of presentation

c : a number of similar social gatherings <the cocktail *circuit*>
— **circuit·al** *ə-kō-təl* *adjective*

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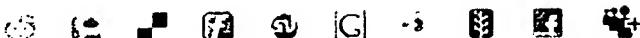
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